Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 911-02327-0451-057	Date: 2/15/11	Time: 1024 Hours	
Location: 8640 Florence Avenue	City or Station: Downey		
Bureau/Station/Facility: FOR III / Norwalk Station	Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒		
Type of Force: Significant / Takedown / Personal Weapons / Control Holds			
Deputy Injury: YES ☐ NO ☒	Suspect Injury YES ☒ NO ☐		
☐ Call	☒ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☒ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐	Person Notified: Lt. Ault	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out: YES ☐ NO ☒

Involved Employee

E1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: McMorrow	First Name: Michael	Middle Name:	
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: W	Unit of Assignment: Norwalk Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 45T1	
Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 6' 01"	Weight: 215
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒	

E2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Ruiz	First Name: Alejandro	Middle Name:	
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: H	Unit of Assignment: Norwalk Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 43K3	
Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 10"	Weight: 170
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐	

E3

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Lavan	First Name: Ricardo	Middle Name:	
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: H	Unit of Assignment: Norwalk Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 43K1	
Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 08"	Weight: 215
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒	

☐ **Additional Involved Employees**

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Johnson	Chris	L	Sgt	YES ☐ NO ☒	YES ☐ NO ☒
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Dusky	Jeffery	

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Evans	Bill	

Lieutenant Bill Evans — Watch Commander (**Print Name**)
Watch Commander's **Signature**: B. Evans
Emp #: [redacted]
Date: 07-19-11

Sergeant Chris Johnson — Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**)
Emp #: [redacted]
Copy Provided to Employee by: Chris Johnson
Emp #: [redacted]

Captain Patrick E. Maxwell — Unit Commander (**Print Name**)
Unit Commander's **Signature**: [signature]
Emp #: [redacted]
Date: 8/24-11

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CONTENTS NOTED LT. J. SCROGGIN

CONTENTS NOTED M.ROTHANS

1 - DVR

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation
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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Polanco	Jessie	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	H	Norwalk Station	45K1

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	[redacted]	5' 11"	205

	Hospital	Coroner Case #	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

E 5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Herrarte	Maria	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☐ Male ☒ Female	H	Pico Rivera Station	152

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	[redacted]	5' 03"	155

	Hospital	Coroner Case #	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐

E 6

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Ramirez	Gabriel	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	H	Pico Rivera Station	151A

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	[redacted]	6' 01"	225

	Hospital	Coroner Case #	
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☐ Male ☐ Female			

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty			

	Hospital	Coroner Case #	
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☐ Male ☐ Female			

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty			

	Hospital	Coroner Case #	
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SUSPECT INFORMATION
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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Amos | First Name: Eric | Middle Name: Lashawn

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female | Race: B | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Work Phone: None | Home Phone: None | Age: 20 | Height: 5' 06" | D.O.B. 08/24/91 | Weight: 165 | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: 2644663 | Primary Charge Code: 245(c) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 2802.2(a) CVC | Criminal History [X]

EMT in attendance? [X] YES [ ] NO Name: Downey City Fire | Unit: 63 | Phone #: [redacted]

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: Coast Plaza Hospital | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: Mahmoud Nemazee | Address: 13100 Studebaker Road, Norwalk, CA 90650 | Phone #: [redacted]

Under Influence: [ ] YES [X] NO | Substance: | Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: 02/15/11 | Time: 1422 Hours | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [X] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO | Substance: | Mental Illness: [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO | Substance: | Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lopez	Mark	

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]			

Street Address	City	Zip Code	W[redacted]	Home Ph.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	N/A

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	[redacted]	Home Ph.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Amos	S#1	McMorrow	E#1	RS	NN	
McMorrow	E#1	Amos	S#1	PH	BR/FR/CP	FA/NO/NK
Amos	S#1	McMorrow	E#1	RS	NN	
McMorrow	E#1	Amos	S#1	PK	AB/CP	SH/BK
Ruiz	E#2	Amos	S#1	CT	NN	
Amos	S#1	Ruiz	E#2	RS	NN	
McMorrow	E#1	Amos	S#1	PH	AB	FA
Amos	S#1	Lavan	E#3	RS	NN	
Lavan	E#1	Amos	S#1	PH	AB	FA
Polanco	E#4	Amos	S#1	CT	NN	
McMorrow	E#1	Amos	S#1	CT	NN	
McMorrow / Polanco	E#1,4	Amos	S#1	RH	NN	
Amos	S#1	Lopez	V#4	BF	NN	
Herrarte / Ramirez	E#5,6	Amos	S#1	CT	NN	

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Force Applied

Significant / Takedown / Personal Weapons / Control Holds

Incident Details

Sheriff's Air 35 was following a vehicle they believed was recently stolen out of South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station area (LoJack hit) and asked for Norwalk units to assist by verifying the plate on the car. Norwalk units 43K1, (Deputy Lavan), 45T1 (Deputy McMorrow), 45K1 (Deputy Polanco), and unit 43K3 (Deputy Ruiz) located the car as it was on the northbound 605 Freeway and verified that it was the stolen vehicle. The suspect exited the freeway at Florence Avenue in the city of Downey and drove westbound. As soon as sufficient units were present, the deputies attempted a traffic stop. The suspect fled from the deputies as they passed under the 605 Freeway. He continued west on Florence Avenue until he reached speeds of approximately 80 MPH at which time the pursuit was cancelled. Almost immediately thereafter, the suspect lost control at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. He crossed the intersection, ran over a concrete center median on the west side of the intersection, sideswiped a Mercedes waiting to turn north on Lakewood Boulevard from eastbound Florence Avenue, and crashed into a curb a little further west of the intersection on the south side of the street. When the deputies got out to detain him at gunpoint, he put the car in reverse and backed toward the deputies, striking their radio cars. He got out of his car and attacked Deputy McMorrow who was attempting to hold the suspect at gunpoint. Deputies struck the suspect several times with punches and kicks and took him down to the ground using control holds where he continued to resist. He was ultimately handcuffed.

After handcuffing the suspect, Norwalk deputies asked Pico Rivera Deputies Lopez and Herrarte, (Unit 152D), and Deputy G. Ramirez (Unit 151A), who arrived at the end of the pursuit, if they could watch the suspect while they cleaned blood off of their hands. While the Pico Rivera deputies were watching him, he tried to get off the ground several times and refused all of their order to stay down. While Deputy Lopez gave the orders to the suspect to stay down, the suspect spat at him striking him on his chest area. Deputies Herrarte and Ramirez, using control holds, grabbed the suspect and placed him face down on the ground. They were able to place a spit mask over the suspect's head while they awaited the arrival of the fire department.

Reported Use of Force by Involved Employee(s)

Deputies completed written reports detailing their observations and actions. The contents of their reports were consistent with my observations and their verbal notifications made to me and to Lieutenant Evans regarding the force used.

Witness Interview(s)

Witness [redacted]

I contacted [redacted]. He is a [redacted] approximately [redacted] from where this incident happened. He said he witnessed the end of the pursuit when deputies attempted to detain the suspect. He said he saw the suspect get out of his car and attempt to get away from deputies by walking away. He saw deputies attempt to detain the suspect and the deputies began to fight with him. At one point, they all fell on the ground and he said a deputy began to kick the suspect in the facial area. After a short time, the deputies

were able to control him and the fight ended. He said he heard the deputies yelling at the suspect but did not say what he heard. He was just outside his business when he witnessed the incident. [redacted] refused to allow me to video or audio tape the interview.

Witness [redacted]
[redacted] is an employee at the [redacted] at the corner of Lakewood Boulevard/ Florence Avenue. She was working when she saw the suspect's vehicle crash at the end of the pursuit. She saw the suspect get out of his car and attempt to get away by running. He was tackled by deputies and they all began to fight. While he was on the ground, she saw a deputy kick him in the face while the other deputies punched him. The suspect then placed his face down and arm out to his side and gave up and deputies handcuffed him. Witness [redacted] did not want to be video taped. I was later able to contact her via telephone and confirmed her story on a taped telephone line. She indicated there were other witnesses to the incident but they did not want to wait around to be interviewed.

Suspect Interview(s)

Suspect Interview(s) Conducted By: ☒ Watch Commander ☐ Supervising Sergeant
Suspect Amos said as soon as he got out of the car he put his hands up and then laid down on the ground. He then put his hands behind his back as instructed by the deputy. At first, he told me as soon as he interlaced his fingers, a deputy began punching and kicking him in the face. Later in the interview he told me the punching and kicking occurred after he was handcuffed. He also said he never offered any resistance, did not back his car into the radio car, and did not try to get away.

Medical Review

The suspect was transported to Coast Plaza Hospital were he was treated by Doctor Mahmoud Nemazee for several small lacerations to the top of his head. One of the lacerations required one staple. He also suffered a broken nose. Doctor Nemazee said the injuries were consistent with being involved in a car accident or being involved in a fight with deputies. He was treated and released with an approval to book.

Training & Tactical Review

☒ Debriefing held to discuss training and tactical issues.

Based upon the above information, I found the force applied by the deputies was objectively reasonable, within Department policy, and properly reported. We discussed the risks involved with pursuits as well as other force options that might have been available such as pepper spray or a TASER. In this incident, it does not appear that there was time for the deputies to employ either of those options.

Watch Commander's Review

Suspect Amos's version of events is contradicted not only by the deputies' version of events but by witness accounts as well. According to Suspect Amos, he immediately gave up and complied with the deputies' commands. However, the deputies and witnesses reported that he tried to flee and/or fight.

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Based on the deputies' and witnesses' accounts it appears the force used to take him into custody was reasonable and in compliance with Department policies and procedures.

I recommend no further action.

Case Status

This case was filed with the District Attorney's office at Bellflower Superior Court who filed two counts of 243(b) PC, one count of 2800.4 CVC, one count of 2800.3(a) CVC, and one count of 10851(a) CVC against Suspect Amos (case number VA118692).